



# The Exhaust Port

AMA Charter #1384

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## Calendar:

December 5 (Friday)  
Club meeting 7:00PM  
Avon Community Cabin

January 1 (Thursday)  
New Year Fun Fly  
Avon Field

February 20 (Friday)  
Club meeting 7:00PM  
Avon Community Cabin

April 3, 4, 5  
Toledo Exposition  
Toledo Ohio

## Club Meeting

The next regular club meeting will be on Friday December 5 at the Avon-Lions Community Cabin. The agenda will include election of officers. The President is up for election every year and this year is the treasurer's year for selection.

The incumbent President **Ted Kolozsvary** is running for re-election and the challenger is **Jim Kingsley Jr.**

For Treasurer the incumbent is **Robert Piskura Jr.** and the challenger is **Rob Morley.**

The ballots have been mailed out in this November news letter and can be mailed back to the Secretary or you can bring them with you to the December meeting.

Directions to the community cabin are on the [club web site](#).

For the next meeting there will be a program put on by Ed Crotty. Ed has been curator of his own museum of old RC radios.

A number of more experienced club members have used some of this older equipment. It will be interesting to see some of it again and see how they worked. It is amazing how far this portion of the hobby has come in so many years. A large number of members are new to the hobby and to see where we came from will be interesting.

Some club members I think are still be using some of this equipment. If you have any equipment in that box in the back, bring it to the meeting and share your experience.

## Swap Shop

Congrats to **Mike Lenz** for hosting the Fall Swap Shop. It appeared that it was a success. All of the tables were sold and we needed some extra room on the stage to accommodate all the items that were brought in to sell.

Thanks to all who helped! Club members like **Al Smith, Alex and Rob Morley, Tim Reardon, George Sarles** held the raffle which went well, **Jim Kustala, Herb, and Bud**

**Bornemann, Ray Doan, Mark Wintering, Bill Wenger, Charley Carpenter** headed up the kitchen with **Rudder Bob**. As usual we may have missed someone but thanks again to all who helped!

## Winter Flying:

For most practical reasons the Harlan field will not be usable to fly at during the winter months. The drainage there leaves the passage back to the flight area very treacherous. The chance of getting stuck in the mud is quite high as can be attested by several who ventured back during the early spring, and had to be towed out. Also the car tracks will damage the aircraft taxiway. The field will be rolled out in the spring when the ground is hard enough to get a tractor on it, and we can fly there next season.

For the balance of the winter season the Avon field will be open. I have found that a little kerosene heat in the metal shed and a pair of skies on your plane and you can have a fun day at the field without too much discomfort.

There are several home made ski designs available on the internet. Also [DuBro](#) makes a pretty good pair of plastic skies. [CJ models](#) and [Jay-Dee](#) make aluminum skies.

The secret to any ski installation is to mount the axial VERY securely. The biggest problem with skies is when they rotate too much and go all the way up or down. The drag of course is

a problem, but the landing can be a real YouTube moment. The ski must be able to rotate around the axel only about 10°. The tip of the ski should be about 5° up, and spring loaded to keep it in that attitude during flight and landing. There must a lock mechanism for prevent over rotation, and it must be FIRM. Make sure to grind a flat spot on any shaft and tighten your set screws to the flat spot to prevent rotation. If you use removable axels, use star washers on both sides of the strut to prevent axel rotation.

For those who might use a tail dragger, I have found that you do not need a tail ski. The normal tail wheel seems to work just fine. For those who would use a tricycle gear, you will need a nose ski. Make sure that the nose ski can not make contact with the prop! Also make sure the there is a keel under each ski. This will significantly aid in steering on the ground. I have also seen skis on Helicopters. This is not so much for tracking but to prevent penetration into the snow.

If you don't want to get your little toes cold. Try flying in the dome. Dan at [Lazertoyz](http://Lazertoyz) has arranged to fly electrics at the golf and sport dome on Canal road. You can see the dome down in the valley from east bound 480 between I-77 and Transportation Blvd. Information is available on the [www.Lazertoyz.com](http://www.Lazertoyz.com) web site. Go to the home page and there is a link to the [Chagrin dome flying schedule](#) for the 2008/9 season. Normally the flying is on every other Saturday night at 8:30 to 10:00PM, but check the schedule to make sure. Light electrics, fixed wing and Heli, are welcome to fly. The cost is \$10, which is reasonable. Dan said that there will some pylon racing organized this year and it would be held early in the evening.

### Dues are due

The new dues for the 2009 season are \$70. Normally dues are due by the end of November. A note to remind those who haven't re-uped has been included in your news letter mailing. If

you are coming to the December meeting, then you can pay there. As usual we will have the laminator there and for an additional 50 cents you can laminate your card. Make sure you have your new AMA card or copy of it when you pay your dues.

### Out and About:



Pictured above is **Ed Crotty's** unusual electric twin engine Schweizer glider. A model of a German design that was intended to bomb New York City. Note the wheels are dropped from the plane on takeoff.



President **Ted, Rich Daniel** and **Dave Cook** were guests at the Columbia air port for there Flyro-Gyro event. This was a Young Eagles program were they gave rides to youth to get them interested in aviation. There is also a connection with this program and the Make A Wish group for ill children.

This was a full scale fly-in event at the airport so there were plenty of aircraft to look at, and a lot of pilots to share stories with.

### Congratulation:



A new member to our club is **Tom Niezgoda** (left) pictured here on the trainer cord. Tom was able to earn his solo qualification before the end of the season.

If you have any pictures of events or places you have been please write a little something and email it to the club secretary **Dave Cook** at [dlcook@wowway.com](mailto:dlcook@wowway.com) to include it in the news letter, or to **Al Smith** at [alsmith@p47-jug.com](mailto:alsmith@p47-jug.com) to include it on the web site

### For Sale:

The price of fuel is up. The club has been able to buy a bulk amount at a reasonable price.

Hats with club patch \$9.00

Patch for jackets \$4.00

Club Fuel (gallons)

Wildcat 10% \$16.00

Wildcat 15% \$19.00

The contact for all purchased items is **Bud Bornemann** (440) 327-2210. Call him if you are interested and set up a time to pick up your stuff.